

Lat. 5° S.; Long. 82° W. It measures—length, 1.5 mm.; greater diameter, 0.7 mm.

I take pleasure in naming this for Miss Stadnichenko. It will be figured in the next number of NAUTILUS, plate 1, fig. 1.

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### HELIX NEMORALIS L. IN ONTARIO

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Sometime ago Mr. Harry W. Trudell handed me a young snail from Owen Sound, Ontario, given him by Mr. W. R. McColl of that place, which was evidently either *Helix* (*Cepaea*) *nemoralis* or *hortensis*. On applying to Mr. McColl he sent a series of 19 specimens of *H. nemoralis*. So far as I know, this is the first Canadian record of this handsome snail. All are five-banded, 12345, or one specimen 12(345), three bands united on the last fourth of the whorl. The ground is pale pink to very pale yellow. Of their occurrence Mr. McColl writes as follows:

“In reply to your request of June 1st I sent you a few days ago a few specimens of snails, *Helix nemoralis*.

“You intimate that this snail has not been known from this part of Canada. Will you kindly say if it is known from any other part of Canada; as I have not come across it anywhere but here. It was very scarce indeed 38 years ago when I first came here.

“My nephew sent one from France during the war, about 1917, a specimen apparently identical with those found here, also two other shades with yellow predominating; also a pinky specimen very similar to ours.

“This snail has what appears to me to be a peculiarity,

that is its habit of climbing trees just prior to or during rain storms. I have repeatedly seen them as high as fifteen feet up, and each specimen I sent you I picked off maple shade trees. At times I have seen them on fence posts and fence boards, but cannot recall seeing them on telegraph or telephone posts. For years they were found only near the Marine Hospital on the west side of the city. After years they spread along the bank for perhaps half a mile; after which they crossed the valley and intervening river Sydenham, and are now found on the east side, over an area of perhaps one quarter mile wide.

"A favorite 'roost' for them in damp weather is the round Equisetum or scouring rush stalks, where I have seen them from the size of a pea with soft-edged shells (undeveloped) up to mature specimens."

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#### NORTH AMERICAN VERONICELLIDAE

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In a recent paper, "On some North American Vaginulidae" (1927, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia 79, pp. 209-221), Dr. Hans Hoffmann criticizes strongly and, I must confess, quite justly, his impression of my attitude (1925, P. A. N. S. P. 77, pp. 157-184) towards his monograph, "Die Vaginuliden" (1925, Zeitschr. Naturw. Jena 61, pp. 1-374). I do not think that anyone realizes better than myself just how much every student of slugs is indebted to the truly epoch-making labors of Dr. Grimpe and Hoffmann on this group. From a previous chaos of misleading, conflicting and worthless descriptions, they have developed a